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SUBJECT: THE CONGRESSMEN AND THE SEAL HUNT: CLOSE

ENCOUNTERS OF THE HERD KIND.

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1. CP STORY FROM ST ANTHONY, NFLD, REPORTS CONGRESSMEN RYAN ANF JEFFORDS AND ACTRESS PAMELA SUE MARTIN VISITED THE SITE OF THE SEAL HUNT ON MAR 12. THE SEAL HERD WAS ON THE ICE ABOUT 20 KM OFF CARTWRIGHT, LABRADOR. THE CONGRESSMEN REPORTEDLY HAD A QUIET CHAT WITH VETERAN SEALING CAPTAIN MORRISEY JOHNSON ABOARD HIS VESSEL.

2. PRIOR TO THAT CHAT, HOWEVER, CONGRESSMAN RYAN HAD A RUN-IN ON THE ICE WITH NFLD RURAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTER JOHN LUNDRIGAN WHO HAD SIGNED ON ONE OF THE SEALING VESSELS AS A HUNTER AND WHO CLAIMED HE HAD THAT DAY KILLED 100 SEAL PUPS. JUDGING FROM TAPE OF RYAN-LUNDRIGAN ENCOUNTER, WHICH WAS PLAYED ON CBC RADIO MAR 13, IT WAS CHIEFLY A SHOUTING MATCH, WITH LUNDRIGAN TERMING RYAN S VISIT A "CHEAP POLITICAL TRICK" AND RYAN DENYING THAT ALLEGATION AND STATING THAT PARLIAMENTARIANS VISITING THE PRIBILOF SEAL
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SLAUGHTER WOULD BE TREATED MORE COURTEOUSLY THAN HE HAD BEEN IN NFLD.

3. INFORMANT FROM FEDERAL FISHERIES AND MARINE SERVICE TOLD REPORTING OFFICER THAT CONGRESSIONAL PARTY ARRIVED ST ANTHONY MAR 11 AND TRAVELED TO SEAL HERD NEXT DAY BY PRIVATE HELICOPTER (PRESUMABLY ONE OF THOSE CHARTERED

BY GREENPEACE) IN COMPANY WITH ONE OR MORE FEDERAL
FISHERIES OFFICIALS. THEY REPORTEDLY LEFT ST ANTHONY
ENROUTE BACK TO US THAT SAME DAY.
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